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Delivery System For Oral Care Compositions Comprising

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Organosiloxane Resins Using A Removable Backing Strip

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2002, please consider the amendments and remarks herein. This response is being filed within the prescribed period and no extension fees are believed to be due.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following amendments to the claims are herein made without prejudice. Claims 20, 23, 25 and 27 are amended to read as follows.

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- (Amended) The delivery system of either of Claim 1 or Claim 9 wherein 20. the backing strip is substantially water insoluble.
- (Amended) The delivery system of either of Claim 1 or Claim 9 wherein 23. the backing strip is substantially water soluble.
- (Amended) A method for delivering an oral care substance to at least one 25. surface of the oral cavity, comprising the steps of: (1) applying the backing strip of the delivery system with the oral care composition of either of Claim 1 or Claim 9 coated thereon to the surface(s) of the oral cavity; (2) removing the backing strip from the surface(s) of the oral cavity, wherein the oral care 05/21/2003 NVILLARI 00000006 162480 10019032

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